

lower floor, rafters to be eight pairs, thirteen feet in length, hewed 4x7 inches, roof and gable ends to be boarded with spruce boards, projecting over the side, and gable ends, not less than eight inches, roof and gable ends to be shingled with shaved cedar shingles, not less than 16 inches long, laid five inches to the weather, shingles to project over eaves two inches; four windows down stairs, 8x10 glass, of nine lights, one window up stairs, 8x10 glass, of six lights; the windows to be so fitted, that one sash will move up and down easily, the location of windows to be made most conveniently for the accommodation inside. Floor down stairs to be laid double, the upper boards to be spruce or pine of sound wood, the floor upstairs to be single, of spruce or pine, of sound wood. The house to be partitioned off with spruce or pine boards, into three rooms. The outside door to be 6 ft. 6 in. high, by 2 ft. 9 in. wide, of seasoned pine or spruce boards, planed, grooved and tongued, and battened. The inside doors of sufficient size, of like make. The floors to be well nailed, a step ladder for the garret to be provided for each building.

The whole to be built in a good workmanlike, and substantial manner, to the satisfaction of the Surveyor General, or an Agent appointed by him, on or before the first day of April next.

On the 18th Dec. last, I addressed to Mr Troup, and Mr. Potts, the following letters:—

CROWN LAND OFFICE,

Fredericton, 18th Dec., 1873.

Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of three letters from you, dated 8th and 16th of October, and 1st of November last, and, until this date, was unable to answer, as satisfactorily as I desired, the several matters to which you refer.

I beg to send herewith the contracts between you and the Government of New Brunswick, certified by the Provincial Secretary, and having the addition you suggested for rendering more explicit the terms on which the Government would hold back grants for the benefit of any association, that would advance money to Immigrants as contemplated at the time the agreement was entered into.

It is fully intended that the expense of transportation from St. John to the houses to be built for the Immigrants, shall be borne by the Government, and my present impression is that this will be done by steamer from St. John in like manner as last Spring, though I think from experience of this year somewhat cheaper.

The Riviere du Loup Railway has its rails now laid, striking the River 12 miles above Woodstock, and within 30 miles or thereabouts of Kllburn's, and I may mention here, that quite a number of the settlers are finding work with this company, on whose part, I believe, there exists every disposition to give all possible facilities for labor during the winter; and there is an almost absolute certainty that during the summer abundance of work will be readily obtainable by any of the present colonists, or those who come next Spring if they desire it, on the works of the company, at fairly remunerative prices.

In the matter of the store for the accommodation of those who may come, I cannot give you any reason to expect that the Government will assist.

In reply to your suggestion that at Kentore Corner a tract should be set apart to be divided into lots of ten or more acres, I have to say that prior to receipt of yours, some of these lots had been located to some of the colonists. I, however, do not entirely concur with your views on the subject. I can point to two townships in this Province where an idea somewhat very similar to yours was so far carried out that very accurate surveys were made and allotments made, but no settlement of a town was secured, and as our contract with you contemplates settlement of lots on which houses are built, we need not now come to any definite conclusion in the matter.

If the information I have be correct, the passengers by the Anchor Line this next year will be somewhat less than last year, as I learn the Dominion Government intend to put